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*As below named inventor(s), each person signing this document hereby declare(s) that:*

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original inventor of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GRANITE SLABS CUT WITH FRAME SAW EMPLOYING BLADES WITH DIAMOND-CONTAINING SEGEMENTS AND METHOD OF CUTTING THEREOF, the specification of which corresponds to International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/043146, filed December 22, 2004

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**Prior Foreign Application(s):**

**Priority Claimed**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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**Prior Provisional Application(s):**

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**Prior U.S. Application(s):**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned</u>
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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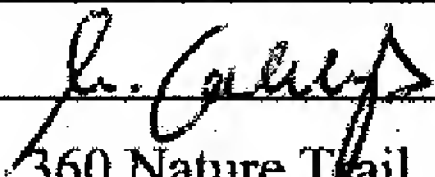
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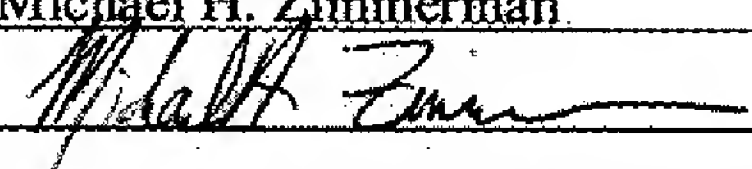
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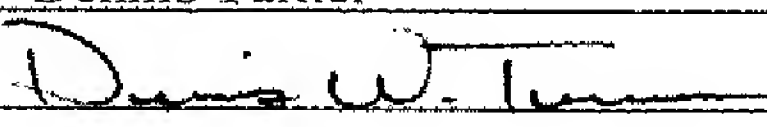
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